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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 18, 2002 ("Paper No. 10"), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please replace claim 74 with the following amended claim. A marked-up version of the claim showing the amendments is provided herewith as Appendix A.

74 (Amended). An assay device for detecting a plurality of target ligands in a sample, comprising:

a nonporous smooth surface or a nonporous textured surface, said nonporous textured surface comprising one or more depressions or protrusions extending between 1 nm and 0.5 mm from said nonporous textured surface; and